



**Western Colorado
Hunting Retriever Club**
UKC Licensed Regular Hunt
July 19th & 20th, 2025

I submit \$_____ for entry fees. # of tests entering: SAT_____ SUN _____

Enter in Hunt Category: _____

Name of Retriever: _____

UKC #R: _____ - _____ Call Name: _____ HRC Points: _____

Breed: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____ DOB: _____

Sire: _____

Dam: _____

Registered Owner: _____

Owner's H.R.C. Membership #: _____

Owner's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Name of Handler: _____ Phone: (____) _____

I certify this dog's immunization is current & has no known communicable disease i.e., Kennel Cough. FURTHER, I agree not to hold the Landowner(s), HRC, UKC or the Host Club responsible for loss of property, damage or injury incurred during this event. HRC, UKC, the Host Club and the Landowner(s) are NOT responsible for loss, accident, or theft, and further assume no responsibility for any damage or injury sustained by the handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assume no responsibility for injury to children who are to be under the supervision & control of their parent or guardian. FURTHER, by my signature, I acknowledge and ensure that the Handler understands that he/she will have the opportunity to view a test dog run the tests; that he/she has the option of withdrawing this dog from any test the Handler in his/her sole discretion deems unsuitable or unsafe; and agrees further that by participating in said tests he/she assumes all risk of harm or accident to either the Handler or the dog.

(Signature of Owner/Agent): _____

Address of Handler (If Handler signs above) Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

HRC MEMBERSHIP # OF HANDLER: _____



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UKC LICENSED REGULAR HUNT

July 19th & 20th, 2025

HUNT LOCATION

GRAND MESA NATIONAL FOREST

(near: Cedaredge, CO)

OPEN TO ALL UKC GUN DOG BREEDS

This Hunt is held under the rules of the
Hunting Retriever Club and United Kennel Club

PLEASE ENTER ONLINE AT: WWW.HUNTSECRETARY.COM

**Advanced entries will close on
Tuesday, July 8th, 2025, at 11:59pm EDT**

***Please remember to sign-up Saturday & Sunday
if you wish to participate both days***

After Advance Entry Deadline contact:

Derek Torinus at 970-948-4237 or dtorinus@hotmail.com

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(UNDER 15 YEARS OF AGE) A \$30.00 REFUND FOR EACH STARTED ENTRY
IN OUR HUNT TEST – PLEASE SEE HUNT SECRETARY FOR REFUND*****

Started entries close on the 50th entry per flight
Seasoned entries close on the 25th entry per flight
Finished entries close on the 30th entry per flight

Each dog is limited to one (1) entry per Licensed Hunt
12 DOG ENTRY LIMIT PER HANDLER

JUDGES AND HUNTS TO BE JUDGED

	Saturday	Sunday
Started	Jamie Smith Ben Dorenkamp	Myles Edwards Tom Hants
Seasoned	Jeanine Schwan Mike Schwan	Marjorie Covey Jacob Wertz
Finished A	David Heldt Dan Feighert	Curt Lacey Faron Eddy
Finished B	Tom Hants Jim McLaughlin	Jamie Smith Erik Brekke

* Denotes Apprentice/Grandfather Judge

HUNT SCHEDULE

"CHECK-IN": Please check-in at the Mesa Top Trail parking area off of Hwy 65 to receive a map/directions to the stakes for the weekend.

For walk-up entries/changes - see Club's Hunt Secretary.

Check-in: 7:00am
Handler's Meeting: 7:30am
Tests start at: 8:00am

ENTRY FEES

Started \$65.00
Seasoned \$85.00
Finished \$95.00

**\$10 ADMINISTRATION FEE MAY BE CHARGED
FOR "DAY-OF" WALK-UP ENTRIES / CHANGES**

Add \$5 for each entry for NON-UKC Registered Dogs
Registration number MUST be provided.
Add \$5 for EACH Seasoned/Finished entry of dogs
whose owners are NOT HRC members.

COURSES

Ducks will be used in all Hunts.
Clothing worn in retrieving hunt tests by judges, hunt marshals, gunners, and handlers must be full camouflage per the Clothing Policy stated in the current HRC Rulebook. Bring knee/hip waders for all stakes.

PRIZES to UKC Registered Dogs

(and dogs registered with UKC within 60 days of this event)

United Kennel Club Championship Points
5 UKC Championship points for Started
10 UKC Championship points for Seasoned
15 UKC Championship points for Finished
Rosette Ribbons in all Categories

ACCOMMODATIONS/CAMPING/ DIRECTIONS/SOCIAL/OTHER INFORMATION

*** Please See the ATTACHED Hunt Test Letter ***
SOCIAL & RAFFLE – Cedaredge Community Center – 140 NW 2nd St, Cedaredge, CO –
Saturday, 7/19 at 6PM

HUNT CHAIRPERSON

Harley Metz
970-361-0491 or barbless33@hotmail.com

HUNT SECRETARY

Derek Torinus
970-948-4237 or dtorinus@hotmail.com

HUNT COMMITTEE

Rory Rehbeck – Hunt Marshal
Chip Brazelton, Pam Spears, Robert Weller, Lance Cue, Dick Severin, JB Spears

OFFICIAL GUNNER: Harley Metz
GAME STEWARD: Andrew Oliver

HUNT VETERINARIAN

Grand Valley Veterinary Emergency Center
573 32 Rd – Suite 11, Clifton, CO 81520
970-230-7375

SCRATCHES

Scratches require veterinarian's certificate.
(Illness, Injury or Bitch in Season)

Hunting Retriever Club, Inc. encourages the participation of handlers of ALL ages and abilities. If there are accommodations which would make our event more accessible to you, please contact the club's hunt secretary as soon as possible prior to the hunt so that every effort can be made to host a safe and enjoyable hunt.

REMEMBER GUN SAFETY & SPORTSMANSHIP



Hunting Retriever Club, Inc.
MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION



In North America today, there is an organization that was established to test the hunting retriever in a true-to-life hunting environment. This organization, the Hunting Retriever Club, Inc., was created to develop the type of testing that you, and thousands like you, have wanted for years. The Hunting Retriever Club, Inc. (HRC) has established a no-nonsense, true to life, training and testing program where gun dog owners meet, train, learn and test their dogs afield.

The HRC was formed under the auspices of the United Kennel Club, Inc. (UKC). UKC was founded in 1898 as a purebred dog registry devoted to maintaining the inherent working abilities of hunting dogs. UKC sponsors more hunting dog events than any other such organization in the world.

You can renew your HRC membership or join HRC online on [UKC's website](#) by ordering the Hunting Retriever magazine. Each membership includes a subscription to the HRC magazine, which includes training and information articles as well as local Club event results and a list of upcoming events of the HRC local Clubs. You can choose a one- or two-year membership that will begin as soon as your application is processed.

If you prefer, you may use the paper application below. Please include a check or money order payable in United States funds, made out to *HRC, Inc.* or *UKC*. Send the application & fees to:

Hunting Retriever Club, Inc.
c/o United Kennel Club, Inc.
100 E. Kilgore Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49002

MEMBERSHIP TYPES:

USA: 1 year	Individual \$25.00	_____	Family \$30.00	_____
2 year	Individual \$50.00	_____	Family \$60.00	_____
Foreign/Canadian: 1 year	Individual \$30.00	_____	Family \$35.00	_____
2 year	Individual \$60.00	_____	Family \$70.00	_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

What HRC Local Club are you a member of? _____

Family members name(s): _____

Would you be interested in forming an HRC sanctioned Club in your area? _____

**PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED
WELCOME LETTER!**

**THE FOLLOWING PAGES WILL CONTAIN
INFORMATION ON ACCOMMODATIONS, CAMPING,
DIRECTIONS, WEATHER, SOCIAL, AND OTHER
GREAT INFORMATION!**



**WESTERN COLORADO
HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB**
UKC LICENSED REGULAR HUNT
JULY 19th & 20th, 2025
GRAND MESA NATIONAL FOREST
(near: Cedaredge, CO)



Dear Hunting Retriever Enthusiast:

Thank you for your interest and participation in the Western Colorado Hunting Retriever Club's 2025 UKC/HRC Licensed "Back-to-Back" Regular Hunt Test on **Saturday and Sunday, July 19th & 20th**. We sincerely hope that you will attend, enter your dogs, have success, and bring home some ribbons. However, most importantly, we hope that you have a safe and fun-filled weekend!

Western Colorado HRC will be holding our Hunt Test up in the Grand Mesa National Forest ("Grand Mesa") again this year. We think that this location will provide you with a true representation of what Western Colorado is all about. The unique, picturesque, environmental adventure that this location offers is one that you will be hard pressed to find with any other Hunt Test.

The Grand Mesa is an "oasis in the sky" and is the largest flattop mountain in the world. It is comprised of over 500 sq. miles of land, stretching east from Grand Junction, and bordered north and south by the Colorado and Gunnison Rivers. The Grand Mesa rises approximately 5000 vertical feet from the valley floors, up to altitudes of over 11,000 feet. It is an environment primarily of pines, aspens, and rolling grass fields. There are over 300 lakes and reservoirs, along with incredible wildlife viewing opportunities. To top all of this off, when temperatures tend to be 90-100(+) degrees in Grand Junction and everywhere else in July and August, it is typical for the temperatures up on the Grand Mesa to be in the 60's and 70's!

We highly recommend that you take advantage of this unique place. Come out and participate in our Hunt Test and then stay for as long as you want. There are an abundant number of camping options up on the Grand Mesa (of all types too) whether you bring your RV, stay in a cabin, or pitch a tent. There are also motels, hotels, and other accommodations in nearby Cedaredge, CO. Bring your hiking boots, your mountain bike, and your fishing pole – but, most of all, plan on enjoying the Grand Mesa!

IMPORTANT ITEMS

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#1 – **"CHECK-IN"** – on both Saturday & Sunday morning, starting at 7am, please check-in at the Mesa Top Trail parking area (see map). The Handler's Meeting will be held at 7:30am, and the Hunt Tests will start at 8:00am.

#2 – **WALK-UP ENTRIES/CHANGES** - Walk-Up Entries/Changes will be allowed if space is available. A \$10.00 administration fee may be applied for "day-of" walk-up's/changes. WCHRC highly recommends that you sign-up early and often via HuntSecretary.com (deadline: July 8). After advanced entries close, please contact Derek Torinus at 970-948-4237 ASAP if you would like to enter the event &/or make a change. Finally, Derek will be available at Check-in on Saturday & Sunday (7am-7:30am) for additional walk-up entries or changes.



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#3 – **SOCIAL/RAFFLE** - Western Colorado HRC plans to hold a great “Social” with Dinner, Raffle, and Awards Ceremony at starting at 6:00pm on Saturday, July 19th at the Cedaredge Community Center – 140 NW 2nd Street - Cedaredge, CO 81413.

*****BRING YOUR \$\$\$ FOR OUR AWESOME DINNER & RAFFLE - HELP SUPPORT WCHRC!!!*****

ACCOMMODATIONS & CAMPING

The nearest town to the Grand Mesa National Forest, approximately 25-30 minutes (max.) down Highway 65 to the south, is Cedaredge, CO. If you don't stay up on the Grand Mesa; camping, in a cabin, in a condo/hotel at the Powderhorn Ski Area, or in a house rental; we recommend that you stay in Cedaredge. Other cities or towns a little further away that you could also consider for lodging, etc., are: Delta, CO (approx. 45 min.); Palisade, CO (approx. 45 min.); Grand Junction, CO (approx. 1 hr.); or, Hotchkiss, CO (approx. 1 hr.).

CAMPING

There are three types of camping options up on the Grand Mesa (and, in Cedaredge & surrounding areas) – primitive/dispersed, public (fee-based) campgrounds, or private RV Parks.

Primitive/Dispersed Camping & Public Campgrounds:

*****SEE ATTACHED FOR INFORMATION ON DISPERSED CAMPING & PUBLIC CAMPGROUNDS
UP ON THE GRAND MESA*****

RV Parks:

#1 - Aspen Trails RV Park & Campground – Cedaredge, CO – (970) 856-6321

#2 - Shady Creek RV Park – Cedaredge, CO – (970) 856-7522 <http://www.shadycreekcolorado.com/>

LODGING

The Cedaredge Lodge

810 N. Grand Mesa Drive - Cedaredge, CO

(970) 856-3727 - www.thecedaredgelodge.com

Stay Wise Inn

530 S. Grand Mesa Drive - Cedaredge, CO

(970) 856-1000 - <http://www.staywisecedaredge.com>

Mesa Moon Motel (formally: Tri-R Motel)

885 S. Grand Mesa Drive – Cedaredge, CO

(970) 856-3222 - www.mesamoonmotel.com



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Creekside B&B
790 N. Grand Mesa Drive - Cedaredge, CO
(970) 856-9547 – www.creeksidebedbreakfast.com

Maison de Terre (B&B)
21704 Uintah Road - Cedaredge, CO
(970) 361-4762 – www.maisondeterre.com

Kiser Creek Cabins
24111 Highway 65 - Cedaredge, CO
(970) 986-6255 - www.kisercreekcabins.com

The Cabins of Grand Mesa
23231 U Road - Cedaredge, CO
(970) 250-3817 – www.thecabinsofgrandmesa.com

*** Additional Lodging: Powderhorn Ski Area; Delta, CO; Hotchkiss, CO; Grand Junction, CO; Palisade, CO; Mesa, CO***

“GRAND MESA” CABINS

In addition to cabin rentals through the Forest Service, and cabin options in/near Cedaredge, there are cabin rental options up on the Grand Mesa.

Grand Mesa Lodge – (970) 856-3250
<http://grandmesalodge.com/>

Alexander Lake Lodge – (970) 856-2539
<http://www.alexanderlodge.co/>

Thunder Mountain Lodge – (970) 856-6240
www.ThunderMountainLodge.net

Mesa Lakes Lodge – (970) 268-5467
www.mesalakeslodge.com

DIRECTIONS

Distances: (approx. to Grand Mesa National Forest – Visitor’s Center)

Grand Junction, CO	-	approx. 55 miles (1 hour & 5 minutes) (via I-70)
Denver, CO	-	approx. 255 miles (4 hours & 15 minutes) (via I-70)



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Pueblo, CO	-	approx. 275 miles (5 hours & 10 minutes) (via US-50)***
Cheyenne, WY	-	approx. 355 miles (5 hours & 35 minutes) (via 1-25 & 1-70)
Albuquerque, NM	-	approx. 370 miles (6 hours & 55 minutes) (via US-550)

I-70 – WEST (from Denver and Front Range)

Take I-70 West towards Grand Junction, CO. Take Exit #62 at DeBeque, CO – “DeBeque Cut-Off” Road/45 ½ Road. Head south (up) towards Colbran, Grand Mesa, and Powderhorn Ski Area (12 miles to intersection with Hwy. 65). At the intersection with Hwy. 65, turn left, and take Hwy. 65 heading up through Mesa, CO, and onto Powderhorn Ski Area. Go past Powderhorn Ski Area, Mesa Lakes Resort, Skyway, Land’s End Road (FS 100 Rd.), on to the “Mesa Top Trail” Parking Area.

I-70 – EAST (from Grand Junction)

Take I-70 East towards Denver, CO. Take Exit #49 – Colbran/Grand Mesa/Powderhorn Ski Area/Hwy. 65. Head south (up) towards Colbran, Grand Mesa, and Powderhorn Ski Area. At the intersection with Hwy. 330 (Colbran), stay right, and continue on Hwy. 65 heading up through Mesa, CO, and onto Powderhorn Ski Area. Go past Powderhorn Ski Area, Mesa Lakes Resort, Skyway, Land’s End Road (FS 100 Rd.), on to the “Mesa Top Trail” Parking Area.

US-50 – WEST (from Southeast Colorado)

Take Hwy. US-50 to Delta, CO. Turn east onto Hwy. 92 towards Cedaredge/Hotchkiss for approx. 3.7 miles. Turn north onto Hwy. 65 to Cedaredge, CO. Continue on Hwy. 65 north through Cedaredge, and up onto the Grand Mesa. Continue past the Grand Mesa National Forest Visitor’s Center, and on to the “Mesa Top Trail” Parking Area.

*****MAP ATTACHED – DETAILED MAPS OF THE HUNT TEST SITES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT CHECK-IN*****

OTHER NOTES

General

The Grand Mesa National Forest is **YOUR** public land. Western Colorado HRC is fortunate to have the opportunity to hold our Hunt Test up on the Grand Mesa, and we very much would like the opportunity to be considered to hold future events in this incredible place. Additionally, per our Special Event Permit, our Club and its Members are personally and financially responsible for any damage done; so, please treat the Grand Mesa with respect, pick-up your trash and the trash of others, obey all laws/rules/regulations, park only in designated areas, respect fellow users of the land and resources (the Grand Mesa, again, is public land, and we don’t have exclusive rights to it), do not smoke outdoors and extinguish all cigarettes in a proper place (fire danger is EXTREME!!!); and, as they say, “take only photos and leave only footprints”.



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Weather & Altitude

Though, we could go on for hours detailing everything you should bring for the Hunt Test (**bring bug spray!**), for camping if you are camping, and for the various other activities you may partake in during your adventure to the Grand Mesa, we wanted to make sure you were aware of the fact that the Grand Mesa is a mountainous area, and the weather could change for the worse quickly. It is not unheard of for the mountainous areas of Western Colorado to receive heavy snow, even in July. So, with that, please watch the weather closely, and please be prepared for any/all conditions.

Also, the Grand Mesa is high in elevation. During our event, you will be spending an ample amount of time near (or above) 10,000 feet in elevation. So, if you do have health concerns, especially related to altitude (and oxygen), we highly advise that you consult with your doctor before attending our event. Recommendations: #1 – please drink plenty of water and watch how much alcohol you consume (it will go to your head quickly); and, #2 – please bring plenty of sunscreen, as you are that much closer to the sun and can burn quickly.

Emergencies

Delta County Memorial Hospital

1501 E. 3rd Street
Delta, CO 81416
(970) 874-7681 www.deltahospital.org

St. Mary's Hospital & Regional Medical Center

2635 N. 7th Street
Grand Junction, CO 81501
(970) 298-2273 www.stmarygi.org

Grand Valley Veterinary Emergency Center

573 32 Rd – Suite 11, Clifton, CO 81520
970-230-7375
www.gvvec.com

Other Activities

As previously mentioned, there are tons of other, fun activities you can do up on the Grand Mesa and surrounding areas, including: hiking, fishing, mountain biking, horseback riding, boating, kayaking, rafting, and rock climbing to name a few.

Also, this part of Western Colorado is WINE COUNTRY! There are several award-winning wineries that you can visit in nearby Cedaredge, Paonia/Hotchkiss, and Palisade.



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Thank You!

- #1 – Grand Mesa National Forest and the U.S. Forest Service (Grand Valley Ranger District)**
- #2 – WCHRC Members & Volunteers**
- #3 – Sponsors**
- #4 – Participants**

Thank you again for your consideration and participation in our Hunt Test - we hope that you can attend. If you have any questions about entering our event, and/or the Grand Mesa, accommodations, camping, etc., please contact me at (970) 361-0491 -or- barbless33@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,

Harley Metz

Harley Metz
Hunt Chair



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HUNT TEST**



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Test!



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LOCATION: MESA TOP TRAIL PARKING AREA
DAY: Saturday & Sunday
TIME: 7:00AM

Please check-in at the Mesa Top Trail parking
area off of Hwy 65



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Campground Information

Day Use Areas and Boat Launches

	Portable Water	Daily Fee	Other
★ Mesa Lake Day Use Area	Yes	\$5	Fishing / Hiking
★ Island Lake Boat Launch	Yes	\$5	Fishing / Boating / Hiking Fish Cleaning Station
★ Weir / Johnson Boat Launch	No	\$5	Fishing / Boating / Hiking

Camping

All camp sites have a limit of 2 vehicles or 8 persons.
You may picnic in campgrounds \$5.00 per person for \$3 per vehicle. After 2000 pm full campground fee will be charged.

No.	Name	Portable Water	Max. Space Length	Daily Fee	Other
1	Jumbo	Yes	45' - 60'	\$18 +\$4	Fishing / Reserveable / ADA Sites \$4 electric surcharge per night
2	Spruce Grove	Yes	22' - 48'	\$12	
3	Island Lake	Yes	45' - 60'	\$18 +\$4	Fishing / ATV CG / ADA Sites \$4 electric surcharge per night
4	Little Bear	Yes	22' - 49'	\$12	Fishing / ADA Sites
5	Cobbett Lake	Yes	30' - 62'	\$14	Fishing / Reserveable
6	Ward Lake	Yes	30' - 45'	\$14	Fishing / Boat Ramp
7	Crag Creek	No	27'	\$12	Hiking
8	Weir & Johnson	No	22' - 33'	\$12	Fishing / Hiking
9	Big Creek	Yes	30' - 33'	\$12	Fishing / Boat Ramp
10	Cottonwood Lake	No	38' - 47'	\$12	Fishing / Boat Ramp / Hiking / ATV



Campground Reservations:

1-877-444-6777

RECREATION.GOV
www.recreation.gov

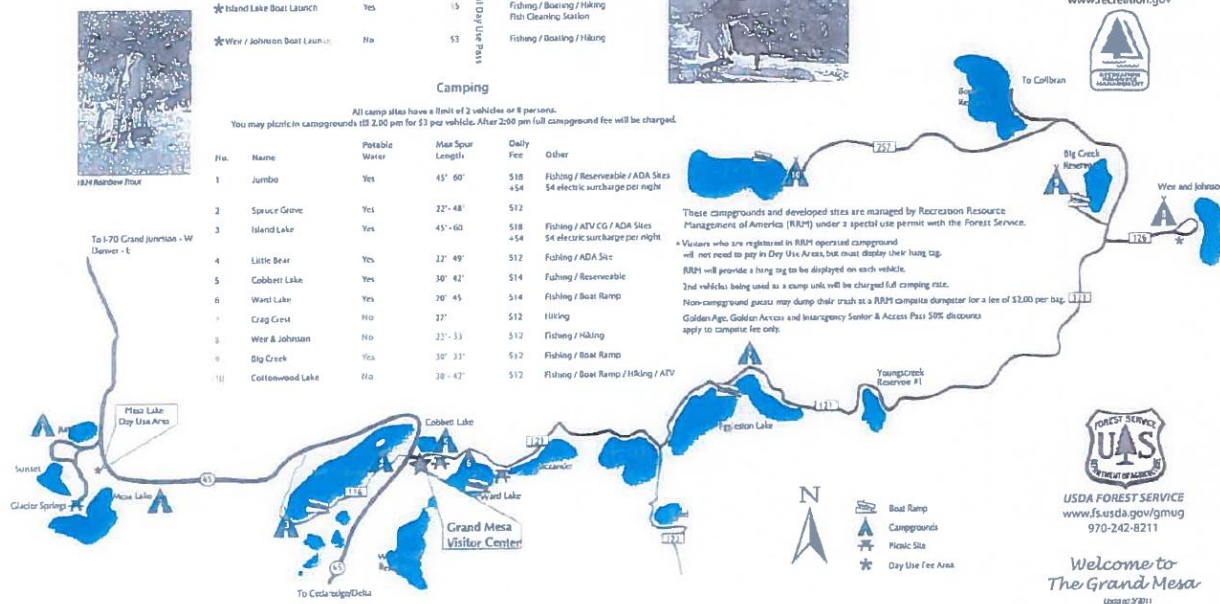


These campgrounds and developed sites are managed by Recreation Resource Management of America (RRM) under a special use permit with the Forest Service.

* Visitors who are registered in RRM operated campground will not need to pay in Day Use Areas, but must display their hunting tag. RRM will provide a hunting tag to be displayed on each vehicle.

2nd vehicles being used as a camp unit will be charged full camping rate.

Non-campground guests may dump their trash at a RRM compact dumpster for a fee of \$2.00 per bag. Golden Age, Golden Access and Interagency Senior & Access Pass 50% discounts apply to camping fee only.



USDA FOREST SERVICE
www.fs.usda.gov/gmug
970-242-8211

Welcome to
The Grand Mesa

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DISPERSED CAMPING:


Campers go hunting, hiking, 4-wheeling, and horseback riding throughout the Forest in many areas where developed camping areas are not available. Finding a site to camp and enjoy these activities in remote areas or in relative solitude has become a popular form of camping throughout the Forest. At some more popular areas, minimal toilet facilities are provided. Contact the local Forest Service office for current information and refer to the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) for each area (Grand Mesa, Gunnison, and Uncompahgre National Forests). Dispersed camping is permitted in most areas of the Forest. Some caution should be used in selecting a site because of intermingled private lands within the National Forest. Recreation maps are available at all local Forest Service offices. Personnel at each station can answer questions on specific sites. Unlike developed campgrounds which are designed and maintained to protect the vegetation, soils, and natural setting; camping in undeveloped areas require more from the camper to help keep the site in the condition in which it was found. Dispersed camping must not occur within 100 feet of water sources (rivers, streams, ponds, or wetlands) or within 100 feet of any road or system trail. In some areas, dispersed camping is restricted to specific sites, contact the local Forest Service office for current information. Campsites can be occupied for no more than 14 days, then the site must be moved at least 3 miles away. Camping is also limited to a total of 28 days in a 60 day period. The following are suggestions to help maintain these areas:


 **ACCESS:** In areas closed to the use of vehicles off Forest roads, where developed parking sites are not provided, and where not otherwise prohibited, direct access to a suitable parking site within 300 feet of the road is permitted. Such travel must not damage the land or streams. Please select your route carefully, and do not cut live timber. Off road travel should be limited to when the ground is dry. The public is encouraged to camp in locations where others have previously camped and utilized existing routes (tow-track trails) to those camp areas. Campers are required to leave a clean camp, not to damage vegetation or pollute streams and lakes on the National Forest and implement "Leave No Trace" practices.

 **HUMAN WASTE:** Human waste can affect water quality and pose a health risk to others. Use toilets where provided. In other areas select a suitable screened spot at least 200 feet away from open water. Dig a small hole 6 to 8 inches deep. After use, fill the hole with the loose dirt and tramp in the sod with your foot. Nature will dispose of the waste in a short time by a system of "biological disposers".

 **TRASH:** All dispersed areas are managed on a "pack it in – pack it out" basis. Cans, bottles, aluminum foil, and anything that will not burn should be carried out. Paper and other burnable items should be burned in your campfire. Please do not bury garbage or trash, animals are prone to digging it up.

 **WATER:** For short trips, take a supply of drinking water from home or from another domestic source. For longer trips, boiling water for a minimum of 5 minutes is the most effective treatment for giardia cysts and other water borne disease organisms. A longer boiling time may be required at higher elevations.

 **FIRE:** Select a site away from low limbs and clear away needles, twigs and other ground litter to mineral soil. Dig a shallow pit and line it with rocks. Keep your fire only as large as needed to cook or heat with. **Never leave a fire unattended.** When you are through with your fire pit make sure the ashes are dead cold out then bury the pit and disperse the rocks. Whenever a stove is available, we recommend its use. Campfires should be at least 100 feet from all lakes, streams, and National Forest System Trails and are not allowed at or above tree line.

 **BEAR AWARE:** The GMUG is home to black bears, help discourage a bear encounter. Keep a clean camp. Store food, including stock and pet food and garbage in bear-proof containers. (Coolers and plastic boxes are not bear-proof.) Hang food in a tree 10 feet off the ground and 4 feet from the tree, if bear-proof containers are not available. Keep sleeping areas free of food and odors. Do not sleep in clothes worn while cooking or handling game or fish. **NEVER INTENTIONALLY FEED A BEAR!**